Works Programme of the Zonal Railway for the year 2002-2003. However, the approval to this work would be subject to other relative priorities and availability of funds. There is no proposal for construction of foot over-bridge at present.

(b) The estimated cost of raising of platform is Rs. 17.30 lakh. Allocation will be made only if the work gets finally approved.

(c) Target date for completion of raising of platform will be fixed after the proposal is approved.

KVKs in Karnataka

*383. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Karnataka Government has requested the Central Government to sanction new Krishi Vigyan Kendras in eleven districts; and

(b) if so, what steps are proposed to be taken by Government to establish Krishi Vigyan Kendras in the newly formed districts of that State?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There are seven newly formed districts in Karnataka. Out of which, Gadag and Haveri districts have Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVK). The Zonal Agricultural Research Station (ZARS) in Udupi district has been stregthened to take up the additional functions of KVK under National Agricultural Technology Project (NATP). Other four new districts, *viz.*, Chamarajanagara, Koppal, Bagalkote and Devanagre are covered with the existing KVKs/ZARSs in the original districts from which these have been newly created.